February 1, 1996

Robert R. Smith Assistant General Manager Santa Clara Valley Water District 5750 Almaden Expressway San Jose, CA 95118-3686

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of November 1, 1995 regarding your thoughtful comments on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. We truly appreciate you taking the time to relay your thoughts on this aspect of our Program. I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter.

Staff has reviewed your comments on development of balanced alternatives and addressing other factors contributing to fish declines and they are also part of our public comment record. The concerns expressed in your November letter were considered as we prepared materials (including alternatives) for the February workshop.

Again, we appreciate your interest in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and look forward to your continued involvement in this important effort.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow, Executive Director CALFED Bay-Delta Program